

**Flathead County
EMS Advisory Committee
March 10th 2010**

Attendees:

Kathaleen Krass, OVFD
Scott Rossman, WVFR
Tonya Buxton, BFA
Lance Westgard, TREMS
Chuck Curry, ALERT
Amy Metcalfe, WFEMS
Rodney Dresbach, WVFR
Richard Briles, FCEMS
Tim Soule, FCEMS
Peggy Miller, WFD
Kris Long, WFEMS

Russell Sappington, WVFR
Tom Kennelly, WFD
John Beaubien, BFA
John Leach, MVFD
Rocco Altobelli, ALERT
Art Bielz, SVFD
Kim Diehl, WVFR
Amanda Norenberg, FCEMS
Scott Alexander, WFD
Mary Granger, LSQRU

Soule called the meeting to order at 1800

Agenda Items:

By-Law introduction and Election of Chairperson:

Tim Soule introduced a copy of the By-Laws to govern this group. He asked the group to look over the By-Laws and give suggestion for changes. We will vote on their adoption at the April meeting.

Election of Chairperson:

Soule asked for Chairman Nominees. Kris Long and Mary Granger were nominated. This ended in a tie vote and the nominees decided to use a Co-chairperson arrangement. Long and Granger facilitated the rest of the meeting.

Review proposed response boundary changes:

Soule suggested the possibility of leaving ALS vs. BLS boundaries and referring to the run cards and the providers to make the ALERT call. Curry represented Alert in reference to the possible changes. Curry showed concern, that once again ALERT may be under used. Soule asked the committee to decide the boundary drawings so GIS may move ahead with the CAD build. Soule defined closest available resource as time not distance, staffed vs. unstaffed. The groups worked on the map of boundaries. Soule reminded the committee that this is a starting point for the CAD. There could be changes with the boundaries as units change their service, this is not final. Soule stated the need for a starting point; refinement will come with the application of the new CAD.

Review the proposed funding formula for recommendations:

- Soule explained the Ad Hoc committee's recommendations. (Please see Board meeting minutes for February). The Board is looking in to a possible population based formula. Because members of the user group had concerns about the accuracy of the population they suggested some other alternatives.

- **Septic permits and sewage capacity.** The committee sees complications with this and those citizens that may not report or have permits.
- **Leach suggested the ESN numbers for population numbers.** Soule explained those citizens without a land line would not be represented.
- The committee unanimously realized a population based formula is not ever going to be accurate.

Conclusion:

After much discussion the committee asked Soule to run the numbers using call volume with a readiness factor. This formula may take into consideration a base rate for those units that make under a certain amount of calls. There are also different rates for the level of service ALS, BLS, QRU. The Committee also asked for Soule to run the formula using only the run volume and using different rates for ALS, BLS, QRU.

Review the EMS Committee Summary report and establish work groups to develop the “how” as referenced in the report:

Soule asked the committee to build small work groups with emphasis on certain areas. Two committees were formed:

- **Training committee:** Chairman: Rocco Altobelli, Mary Granger, Kris Long, Kathaleen Krass, Scott Rossman
- **Operations (solutions) committee:** Chairman: John Leach, Chuck Curry, Kris Long, Tonya Buxton, Mary Granger, Lance Westgard

Review the process for the development and implementation of County protocols:

Dr. Briles is waiting for the BOME to finish the state protocol workshop in March. He will then produce protocols for the advisory committee to review. The protocols that were introduced at the Feb. 15, CEU meeting are on hold until Dr. Briles reviews the state protocols in March.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00p.m.